COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, *the* *7th of August 1928.*
23rd of Karkadagam 1103.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Messrs. Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, Ouseph P. Kundukulam, V. D. Ouseph, K. T. Mathew and T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Friday as Muslim Holiday.

79. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them to comply with the request made by the Member for the Muslims in the first Legislative Council regarding the exemption of Muslims from attending public offices on Friday?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Following the discussion on the subject which took place in the Council, Government have directed their Heads of Departments that, on Fridays, Muslim Members of the staff in the public offices may be allowed to leave office between 1 and 2 p. m. to go to the Mosque to say their prayers and that Muslims may be exempted from attendance in courts between the said hours.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Member for the Mussalmans in the last Council has brought it to the notice of the Government that exemption from attendance in the public offices from 12 to 1 would not satisfy the needs of the Mussalmans in that matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You mean between 12 and 1, or is it 1 and 2?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Between 1 and 2 p. m.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It has been ordered like that.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—But whether the Member for the Mussalmans has brought it to the notice of the Government that it would not satisfy?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not think there was any such thing.

Certain publications regarding the election at Kunnamkulam.

80. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the District Magistrate has

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